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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

## **ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 35**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani**

December 1, 2008

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An act to add Section 88550.7 to the Education Code, and to add Section 14013.5 to the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to education.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 35, as amended, Furutani. Education: workforce development.

Under existing law, the public school system of the state includes, among other schools, secondary and technical schools. Existing law provides for various career technical and workforce preparation programs in the public schools.

Existing law also establishes the University of California, the California State University, and the California Community Colleges as the 3 segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law declares that it is the intent of the Legislature that those institutions provide a collegiate experience that gives each student specified skills and that an undergraduate education prepare students to have the flexibility to adapt to, among other things, new workforce needs.

Existing law establishes the California Workforce Investment Board as the body responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California's workforce investment system. Existing law declares that the board is appointed by the Governor to assist in the development of the State Workforce Investment Plan.

This bill would require the California Workforce Investment Board and the Office of the Chancellor and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to develop a strategic plan, containing specified elements, for connecting education and workforce development in the state. The bill would require the board and the Office of the Chancellor to cooperate with the State Department of Education, and representatives from education, business, and labor organizations to make specified recommendations in the strategic plan. The bill would require the board and the Office of the Chancellor to report their recommendations for the strategic plan to the Governor and the Legislature on or before July 1, 2011, and would require the Office of the Chancellor to provide the staffing and resources necessary for developing and reporting the strategic plan.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact  
2     legislation to develop a strategic plan in the education system for  
3     workforce preparation and career technical education.  
4     SEC. 2. Section 88550.7 is added to the Education Code, to  
5     read:  
6     88550.7. (a) The California Workforce Investment Board, the  
7     Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges,  
8     and the Board of the Governors of the California Community  
9     Colleges shall develop a strategic plan for connecting education  
10    and workforce development in the state as part of the board's next  
11    ~~biennial~~ *revision of the* California Strategic Plan for Title I of the  
12    Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act.  
13    In cooperation with the State Department of Education and  
14    representatives from education, business, and labor organizations,  
15    the board and the Office of the Chancellor shall make  
16    recommendations in the strategic plan that address the contribution

1 of academic and career technical education, at all levels of  
2 education, to workforce development.

3 (b) The strategic plan shall include, but is not limited to, all of  
4 the following provisions:

5 (1) How the state determines appropriate measures for evaluating  
6 and collecting data on future workforce needs.

7 (2) The alignment of workforce needs with future postsecondary  
8 education programs and capacity at both the state and regional  
9 levels.

10 (3) Strategies for fostering long-term improvements in workers'  
11 skills and knowledge.

12 (4) Methods for closing the skills gap and strengthening the  
13 nexus between education and the workforce.

14 (5) Appropriate measures for improving data collection on future  
15 workforce needs.

16 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the board and the Office  
17 of the Chancellor solicit input from K-12 and postsecondary  
18 education institutions, local workforce investment boards, regional  
19 occupational centers and programs, adult school programs, and  
20 other appropriate governmental entities in developing  
21 recommendations for the strategic plan.

22 (d) (1) The board and the Office of the Chancellor shall report  
23 their recommendations for the strategic plan to the Governor and  
24 the Legislature on or before July 1, 2011.

25 (2) (A) The requirement for submitting the report imposed  
26 under paragraph (1) is inoperative on January 1, 2015, pursuant  
27 to Section 10231.5 of the Government Code.

28 (B) A report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be  
29 submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
30 Code.

31 (e) The Office of the Chancellor of the California Community  
32 Colleges shall provide the staffing and resources necessary for  
33 developing and reporting the strategic plan developed pursuant to  
34 this section.

35 (f) For purposes of this section, "board" means the California  
36 Workforce Investment Board established pursuant to Article 1  
37 (commencing with Section 14010) of Chapter 3 of Division 7 of  
38 the Unemployment Insurance Code.

39 SEC. 3. Section 14013.5 is added to the Unemployment  
40 Insurance Code, to read:

1     14013.5. The board shall assist the Office of the Chancellor  
2     and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges  
3     to develop a strategic plan for connecting education and workforce  
4     development in the state pursuant to Section 88550.7 of the  
5     Education Code.

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